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## 3rd/378th

### Upcoming Drill Dates

#### September

11 - 0700 First Formation  
Uniform: IPFU  
Lunch - Postal Facility  
12 - 0700 - First Formation  
Uniform: BDU  
Dismissed @ 10:30  
Family Picnic @ 12:00

October 16-17

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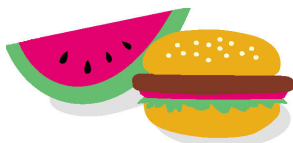
## Please Join us for Family, Food & Fun



What: Annual  
Family Picnic

When: Sunday  
September 12  
12:00 PM

Where: Lake Thunderbird  
Indian Point Beach



Sack Races

Tug of War Moon Bounce

Volleyball

Board Games

BUNK TANK

Contests

PRIZES

## Annual Family Picnic

It's that time of year again, the family picnic. A time to gather with your fellow soldiers and your families. A time to have fun and plaster someone in the face with some whipped cream, or dunk your favorite Sgt in the tank. We are sticking with tradition and hosting the picnic at Lake Thunderbird – Indian Point Beach.

Food will be catered by Golden Corral. We'll have the usual games; moon bounce, dunk tank, squirt guns (so wear something you don't mind getting wet or messy), watermelon eating contest, tug of war, sack races, volleyball, etc. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, etc.

We will be dismissed from the unit at 10:30 on Sunday, time to go change, pick up your family and meet at the Lake by 12:00. Eating commences then, so be there or risk losing out on the grub.

The coveted "FRG Best Company" banner won by Delta Company last year will be handed out to the winning company again this year.

## Birthdays - September

**Happy Birthday to the members of the 378<sup>th</sup> and their families.**

- Patricia Anne Todd – September 3
- Serila Garcia – September 11
- Whitney Albert – September 17
- Jared Atkinson – September 19
- Katelyn Sanden – September 21
- Courtney Bonds – September 23
- Joray Bunch – September 26
- Matthew May – September 27
- Elijah Pierce – September 30
- Brandy Denham



## Commissaries OK Internet Coupons Again

Commissary shoppers can again put their Internet surfing skills to good use. This week, the Defense Commissary Agency began accepting coupons printed from the Internet, after refusing the printouts for nearly a year. According to a DECA press release, the commissaries stopped accepting the coupons last September because fraudulent use of them was costing the grocery industry as a whole millions of dollars. Although the Web coupons are accepted now, there are limitations. They must have bar codes, and no Internet coupons for free items can be redeemed. The coupons can be found at [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) or at Websites for product manufacturers. There are many Internet coupon sites as well, but many offer store-specific coupons that can't be used at the commissary. The commissary also will have links to Internet coupon sites in the future at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

## Spouses To Teachers

Spouses to Teachers (STT), DoD's latest endeavor to assist military spouses interested in teaching, is serving a similar purpose as the popular Troops to Teachers (TTT) program, an official said. DoD established Troops to Teachers in 1994, and responsibility for the program was recently transferred to the U.S. Department of Education. TTT was created to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America. STT is currently a pilot program in 6 states: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. The program was prompted by military spouses who were already teachers or interested in teaching, but were facing difficulties finding certification requirements and job information when they moved. The program will offer information, counseling and guidance to eligible, interested individuals. Initially, eligibility is limited to those with a bachelor's degree who are spouses of active duty servicemembers and members of the Selected Reserve or Individual Ready

Reserve on extended duty. It will also offer limited financial assistance to help defray the costs of meeting state certification requirements in the pilot states.

## Sapper Tab Approved

**Sapper Tab Authorized for Uniform Wear**

A new Sapper tab for combat engineers is now authorized for wear by qualified Soldiers on their left shoulder. Until this summer, only the Special Forces tab and the Ranger tab were authorized for wear above the unit patch on the left shoulder. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker approved the Sapper tab June 28 for award and wear by engineer Soldiers who complete the Sapper Leader Course. The course is part of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. This award is retroactive back to the graduates of the first SLC on June 14, 1985. The tab will be worn below the Special Forces or Ranger tab, if a Soldier has either of those. Other details concerning the wear of the Sapper tab will be released through official G-1/Human Resources Command channels sometime in the next 90 days, officials said.

## Free Access to TRICARE Fundamentals Online Course

Beginning August 3, 2004, anyone with a "dot mil" e-mail address will have free access to the TRICARE University's Fundamentals curriculum. Individuals who are unable to participate in the classroom version due to the limited human, financial or other resource of their organization will find the redesigned online course a convenient alternative. Once registered, students will have 90 days to complete the online course. A certificate will be awarded for completion of the TRICARE Web-based course, which is equivalent to the classroom course of the same name. Some topics covered include TRICARE eligibility, enrollment, benefits, operational elements and customer service. <http://www.tricareu.tricare.osd.mil/>

